

**SES Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)
Minutes of March 19, 2018**

Attendees: Doug Bobbitt, Mike Hamper, Amy Dow, Jennifer MacKay, Mary McNair, Judy Freeze, Natasha Munford

Regrets: Jodi Ravn, Ruth Kearney, Lenora Murray, Stephanie McFarlane, Jessica Peterson, Julie Strang, Rob Alexander

Chair: Amy Dow

Notes: Judy Freeze

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Jan 15, 2018 Minutes	Approved as presented.	
Business Arising from the January 15 th Minutes	<p>1. Changes in Management of Extra-Mural Services To date there hasn't been any changes in the level of services provided from the school perspective. There is a current vacancy (Physiotherapist) with the team that is having some impact.</p> <p>2. Spring Symposium Amy circulated information regarding PSSC Spring Symposium. It is scheduled for May 4-6th in Fredericton. PSSC will support participant with covering registration fee and travel expenses. Registration closes March 30, 2018.</p>	Please let Doug or Amy know by March 30 th if you are interested in participating in the PSSC Spring Symposium.
New Business	<p>1. Feedback on Professional Learning Model</p> <p>The department has created a survey to gather feedback on the ½ day PL model implemented this year. The francophone school sector has been using this PL model for a number of years with success. As the department is planning for the 2018-19 school year, they are seeking input from PSSC's on enhancing the PL model.</p> <p>Group identified that ½ days seem to work for some parents and not for others. There still continues to be higher absenteeism rates on these days.</p> <p>Group identified that it would have been valuable to request this feedback prior to implementation.</p> <p>Notes: <u>Question 1 Feedback on early release days</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance data speaks for itself in how it is working for some parents (12% vs typical 4%) - Instructional learning needs to continue regardless of the # of students present to illustrate the importance of attendance – due to low attendance some teachers have not been proceeding with new material but rather reviewing concepts. - Province used to organize some PL days now all on individual school. Concern of the impact that school 	Judy to compile feedback for the survey and circulate to the members of PSSC. Members are also encouraged to submit responses.

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	<p>leadership has on PL and lack of consistency across the province.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shouldn't always be on Wednesdays - Teachers still have responsibilities of teaching in mornings so may be a transition to learner mode for afternoon or left dealing with situation from morning. - PL time is impacted by waiting for all students to leave the school premises before can start i.e. delayed bus. - May be more beneficial to balance between full and half days with a mix of department lead and school lead. <p>Negative feedback on the impact on teachers not having full PL day after Christmas break, etc</p> <p><u>Question 2 Communication for next year:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reinforcement of the importance of attending the ½ day for students - Information sharing on reason shifted to (benefits of) scheduling PL in ½ formats - Topics/training staff are participating in - Suggestions on childcare arrangements or family activities that could be shared after dismissal. <p>Survey Monkey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6SWSY3B Each member can complete if they wish. Judy will submit the items discussed as a group. Deadline to submit feedback is MARCH 31, 2018.</p> <p>2. Slogan – The SES PSSC is proud of... The department is looking to enhance the Fall welcome event for PSSC members. One addition to the fall training will be a slide show presentation of the different PSSC committees and their slogan. We have been asked to submit a photo of our team as well as our slogan (can be of something we accomplished or what we are proud of)</p> <p>3. School Improvement Plan – Priority Development Unit (PDU) Update School is still waiting on data. Model was heavily focused on teacher methodology to support learners. It is anticipated that in the upcoming school year there will be a shift from the K-2 block as that was a 2 year initiative that will be completed at the end of this year. In anticipation of the shift, SES has been piloting math support from current model with grade 3 teachers.</p>	<p>Group photo will be taken next meeting and decision on slogan. If you have slogan ideas prior to the meeting, please send to Amy or Doug.</p> <p>Agenda item for next PSSC meeting as PDU data should be available.</p>
<p>Next Meeting: April 23rd at 7pm</p>		